



Recyclemania Competition Kicks Off January 28

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AUSTIN, Texas—The University of Texas at Austin hopes to repeat the winning streak it started last year when the university won the national Recyclemania competition for waste minimization. This year, the competition at the university begins January 28 and ends April 5, and the university will compete in all Recyclemania categories. Recycling efforts at the university are led by the Recycling section of Facilities Services, in cooperation with the Student Recycling Committee.

Last year was the first time the university competed. By producing the lowest amount of waste per person on campus—less than 32 pounds--the university beat out dozens of competitors to receive a trophy and national recognition. Last fiscal year, the university recycled 2.9 million pounds of paper—the equivalent of almost 25,000 trees saved.

The goal of Recyclemania is to increase student involvement in recycling by fostering fun competition among colleges and universities to see which schools can collect the most recyclables and reduce the most waste. Founded in 2001, the program has been extremely successful, with the number of participating schools nearly doubling each year to reach 200 participants in 2007.

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Related Sites:

<http://www.utexas.edu/facilities/services/recycle.html>

www.recyclemaniacs.org/

www.epa.gov/wastewise/targeted/colleges/recycmania.htm

